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SUBJ: TINBERGEN MAY INFLUENCE GON ATTITUDES TOWARD NUCLEAR AND
TRADE UNION POWER

REF: THE HAGUE 0295; THE HAGUE 0526 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: DURING SEMINAR AT EMBASSY JANUARY 29 WITH
VISITING US ECONOMICS PROFESSOR MACHLUP, DUTCH NOBEL PRIZE
WINNING PROFESSOR TINBERGEN, IN DISUCSSING ISSUES
RELATED TO NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, STRUCK TWO
THEMES THAT MAY AFFECT DUTCH THINKING TOWARD DELAYING CON-
VENTIONAL NUCLEAR POWER PROJECTS IN ANTICIPATION OF CLEANER
NUCLEAR FUSION AND TOWARD CONSIDERING CURBING TRADE UNION
POWER. END SUMMARY.

2. TINBERGEN SUGGESTED THAT, BECAUSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND
OTHER PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH CURRENT NUCLEAR POWER
PLANTS, IT MIGHT BE BEST TO WAIT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CLEANER
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NUCLEAR FUSION POWER. THIS LINE MIGHT EASILY BE ADOPTED

BY THOSE DUTCH FORCES SEEKING TO FORESTALL FURTHER CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. SEE THE HAGUE 0295.

3. TINBERGEN, IN RESPONDING TO A QUERY ABOUT THE ECONOMIC POWER WIELDED BY OPEC, ASSERTED THAT ORGANIZED GROUPS (SUCH AS TRADE UNIONS, EMPLOYERS ORGANIZATIONS, OR TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES) COULD PROVE TO BE UNDESIRABLE. HE SAID SUCH GROUPS CAN BE HELPFUL IN REDRESSING WEAK SITUATIONS (SUCH AS THAT WHICH EARLIER CONFRONTED THE TRADE UNIONS) BUT ADDED THAT, ONCE A WEAK SITUATION IS REDRESSED, SUCH GROUPS CAN PROVE UNDESIRABLE. HE THEN CHARACTERIZED OPEC AS DOING SOME GOOD AS IT HAD ESTABLISHED SOLIDARITY WITH THE RELATIVELY WEAK LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

4. COMMENT: TINBERGEN'S INFLUENCE IS SUBSTANTIAL AS MANY DUTCH OFFICIALS AND SOCIALIST LABOR STALWARTS HAVE BEEN HIS STUDENTS, AND IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW FAR THEY MAY GO IN ADOPTING HIS CURRENT ATTITUDES ON NUCLEAR AND TRADE UNION POWER.
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